

Amendments to the Claims

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet, and a liquid retentive absorbent member interposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, wherein

said backsheet comprises a laminated sheet composed of a breathable film printed with a multicolor pattern, and a first nonwoven material and a second nonwoven material laminated on said first nonwoven material, the first nonwoven material being superposed on the printed side of said film,

an elastic member is fixedly disposed between said first and second nonwoven materials,

a total basis weight which is a sum of a basis weight of said first nonwoven material and a basis weight of said second nonwoven material is 20 to 50g/m², and a total thickness which is a sum of a thickness of said first nonwoven material and a thickness of said second nonwoven material before laminating said first and second nonwoven materials is 0.5 to 3.0 mm,

the printed area of said film has an L* value of 10 to 93 and a C* value of 20 to 120 as measured with a color difference meter,

~~said nonwoven material has a light transmittance of 40 to 83% and a basis weight of 30 to 45 g/m²~~

a total light transmittance of said first nonwoven material and said second nonwoven material is 40 to 83%; and

nonprinted background areas on the printed side of said breathable film have a b* value of 0 to -5.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 10, wherein said b* value is less than 0 and greater than or equal to -5.

12. (NEW) The absorbent article according to claim 10, wherein 50% or more of the total area of the printed area on the breathable film satisfies the requirement of an L* value of 10 to 93 and a C* value of 20 to 120 as measured with a color difference meter.

13. (NEW) The absorbent article according to claim 10, wherein the moisture vapor transport rate of the breathable film is 0.5 to 4.0 g/(100 cm²·hr) measured in accordance with JIS Z0208.